

Fiscal Services Division Legislative Services Agency Fiscal Note

HF 2471 - Out-of-State Prisoners in Iowa Jails (LSB 6524 HV)
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Description

House File 2471 permits Iowa counties to hold prisoners from other states. The states that send prisoners to Iowa county jails are required to reimburse the county.

Assumptions

1. The marginal cost per day for county jails is \$15.
2. Counties charge the State Department of Corrections for holding certain state inmates, for example, alleged parole violators pending a revocation proceeding. The charges range from \$48 to \$75 per day.
3. Counties also contract with the federal Bureau of Prisons to hold federal detainees and inmates. The charges range from \$55 to \$100 per day.
4. Counties will utilize existing vacant beds to house any prisoners from other states.
5. The increase for each county will vary depending on the following factors for each county: availability of excess jail capacity, lack of jail capacity in other states, and the willingness of other states to house prisoners in Iowa and to reimburse counties for the expense.

Correctional Impact

There is no significant correctional impact under HF 2471.

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact of HF 2471 cannot be determined due to insufficient information.

Iowa counties may experience increased receipts due to housing prisoners from other states. Based on information from Allamakee, Hardin, Kossuth, and Mitchell counties, increased receipts would range from approximately \$12,000 to \$135,000 annually for each county participating.

Sources

Iowa State Association of Counties
Iowa State Sheriffs and Deputies Association
Iowa Department of Corrections

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The fiscal note and correctional impact statement for this bill was prepared pursuant to Joint Rule 17 and pursuant to Section 2.56, Code of Iowa. Data used in developing this fiscal note and correctional impact statement are available from the Fiscal Services Division, Legislative Services Agency to members of the Legislature upon request.
